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the firm wiretele plant and the teletype room.

- B. Next to the Yard entrance is the villa of former consul ~~_____~~ in which is accommodated the Russian construction supervision team, ~~_____~~ of some 40 persons. A research laboratory was built on the same street.
- C. The Yard includes five large production buildings. Buildings I - IV are located in the old shipyard area—Building V on Wenderfer Weg. A new ~~_____~~, an office building and a ~~_____~~ were also built.

3. Personnel

The yards employ, at the moment, about 7,500 persons, as follows:

- A. Administrative Personnel - about 850 persons
- B. Technical Personnel - about 300 persons
- C. Women - about 1,200 women
- D. Production Workers - about 5,000 persons

Of these, about 8-10% are SED members.

4. Production Program

- A. New Construction. The 1954 plan envisages the construction of ten passenger river boats. They will be between 800 and 1,000 (metric) tons and are scheduled for export to Russia. In addition, the construction of a freighter of 1,000 (metric) tons (SS STRALSUND) for East Germany is planned.
- B. Repair. At the moment the following ships are in repair:

- (1) ~~_____~~ - ~~_____~~
- (2) KALININGRAD
- (3) Icebreaker KRASSIN (for rebuilding)

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5. Material Difficulties and Bottlenecks

Because of ~~_____~~, ~~_____~~ target effect for completion of ~~_____~~. Most of the difficulty has resulted from deficient ~~_____~~ & ~~_____~~ for the passenger ship ~~_____~~ the Sales Director Mehnert (fmu) and the Chief of Mate ial ~~_____~~ Muenzner (fmu). The seller and transporter are unknown to Source.

6. Slips and Cable Crane Installations

- A. For slips I and II the cable crane installation has been installed. The cable crane in ~~_____~~ ten traveling winches (Laufkatzen) for each 1000 kilograms ~~_____~~.
- B. For the ~~_____~~ of slips III and IV investment funds are still lacking. ~~_____~~ has ~~_____~~ been suspended.

7. ~~_____~~ The value of ~~_____~~ to approximately 1,200,000 DEM.

8. ~~_____~~ Organisation (BPO). The BPO has ~~_____~~ ~~_____~~

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SED members. They last two hours a week and concern the Russian Communist Party. The participation is minimal, in spite of the personal invitation extended to all party members, ~~since many have little time for them.~~

9. ~~Living conditions~~ The housing situation is difficult because of lack of funds. Some workers work as much as three hours each way, six hours a day, to ~~reach~~ the transportation system is terrible. ~~There is no~~ express ~~service~~ every day, so that the workers ~~are~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~. In order to ~~reach~~ the tram, many workers were brought from ~~the~~ ~~city~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~city~~ and Saxony to Boltenhagen, where they were lodged in vacation lodges. They are transported to work daily in busses.

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 2. ~~Comment:~~ Elsewhere in the same report, the name is spelled Langermann. 25X1
 3. ~~Comment:~~ Source mentions no Building V. The designation of this as Building VI may be an error. 25X1

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